

SUBURBAN ASSOCIATIONS.

List of Officers Together With Time and Place of Meeting.

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Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association.

Meetings are held the first Friday Evening in Each Month in the Town Hall, Tenleytown, D. C.

OFFICERS:

President, Charles C. Lancaster; 1st Vice-President, Col. Robt. I. Fleming; 2nd Vice-President, Hon. John B. Henderson; 3rd Vice-President, John Sherman; 4th Vice-President, Rev. Joseph C. Mallon; 5th Vice-President, Rev. J. McBride Sterrett; Secretary, Dr. J. W. Chappell; Treasurer, Charles R. Morgan; Chairman Executive Committee, Louis P. Shoemaker.

Total Membership about 150.

Brightwood Avenue Citizens' Association.

Meetings are held the second Friday Evening in Each Month in Brightwood Hall.

OFFICERS:

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Total Membership about 200.

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Meetings are held the fourth Monday Evening in Each Month in the Church of the United Brethren, Corner North Capitol and R Streets.

OFFICERS:

President, Irwin B. Linton; Vice-President, Washington Topham; Treasurer, W. W. Porter; Secretary, A. O. Tingley; Executive Committee The officers and Messrs. Jay F. Baneroff, Theo. T. Moore and W. J. Fowler.

Total Membership about 280.

Takoma Park Citizens' Association.

Meetings are held the last Friday Evening in Each Month in the Town Hall, Takoma Park, D. C.

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WAR'S SADDEST EPISODE

THE TERRIBLE MISFORTUNE WHICH BEFEL MAJOR ROCKEFELLER, U. S. A.

Remarkable Story Related by the Army and Navy Journal - Killed a Young Filipino Leader in Battle Who Was His Long-Sought-For Son.

Major Charles M. Rockefeller, of the Ninth United States Infantry, who shot his son in a battle with Filipinos led by the young man, is, according to army records, a deserter. Worse yet, he is on record as having left his command in the face of the enemy. No cognizance is taken of the sad story behind his disappearance.

The fact that the major disappeared after discovering that he had shot and killed his only son was first announced in the Army and Navy Journal. Many of the facts of the case were hidden.

There are few men in the Ninth Regiment who knew that Major Rockefeller was married. A Mail and Express reporter found a member of the regiment who served with Rockefeller from the time he was a lieutenant, and all through the Indian campaigns.

Charles M. Rockefeller served with distinction in one of the New York volunteer regiments during the Civil War. In 1863 he was made first lieutenant in the One Hundred and Seventy-eighth New York Infantry. For gallantry in action at Fort Blakeley, Ala., on April 8, 1865, he was awarded a medal of honor.

AN INDIAN FIGHTER.

At the close of the war he, as well as a number of others who loved military life, continued on in the service of the regular army, being appointed a second lieutenant and transferred to the Ninth Infantry. Afterward he gained renown as an Indian fighter, and finally rose to the position of major.

It was while second lieutenant, according to the story now told, that he married and in 1870 a boy, named Robert, was born. The major was detailed to Hong Kong with a commission and there he remained until 1872. The Chinese nurse, engaged to look after the boy, disappeared with him. Search was made high and low for the kidnapper and the child, but no trace could be found of them. Rockefeller and his wife returned to this country, where Mrs. Rockefeller died, mourning the loss of the little one.

SEARCHED FOR HIS BOY.

Major Rockefeller never relinquished the search for his child. In the years that elapsed he got no trace of him, yet he still hoped against hope of one day meeting him. He never told his trouble to any of his brother officers and thus it was that few in the Ninth Regiment knew of his marriage.

The Ninth Regiment was one of the first to be sent to the Philippines. One day in the month of March, last year, he with his command met at a place north of San Boel a strong force of the enemy led by a big, strapping, handsome young man, apparently an Englishman. The Filipinos fought fiercely, and continued the fighting until most of them were killed or wounded.

According to the official dispatches of the time, the young Filipino leader made desperate efforts to get at Major Rockefeller with the evident intention of killing him. He did succeed in slaying two of the major's orderlies and in another moment would have killed Rockefeller. Then the latter, not an instant too soon, shot the young rebel leader dead.

"When the dead were being buried, and the wounded cared for," says the Army and Navy Journal, "among papers found on the young insurgent were letters of recommendation issued to Paul Stanhope and written by well-known Hong Kong officials. Also a diary giving the names of individuals in the Chinese city. These were all turned into headquarters by the major with his report."

TRACED TO A COLLEGE.

Even from the field Major Rockefeller had been pursuing his inquiries after his lost boy. He was in continual correspondence with the American Consul at Hong Kong, and the latter shortly before the battle referred to wrote that he had discovered that the lost boy had been placed in a Jesuit college, and that he would write again later.

Events in the Philippines made the major for a time forget this. After the last battle he had to push on by forced marches, and on April 28 he was almost in sight of and ready to make a forward movement against Calocan. Then happened the extraordinary thing which army circles have been discussing ever since—the disappearance of the major in sight of the enemy and no word of explanation.

Letters had been forwarded to him as well as to the Ninth Regiment men generally. Among the number which he received was one from the American Consul at Hong Kong, inclosing the original letter which he had received from the head of the Jesuit institution to whom he had written for information of the major's kidnapped son.

THE SON IDENTIFIED.

Thus is the letter: House of the Holy Ghost, Hong Kong, February 27, 1890. Dear Sir—I am instructed by the Very Rev. Dean Xavier Constant, of this order, to report that your communication was duly received, and since have made diligent inquiry for the boy mentioned. He was placed in the school of our society in 1879, and was then said to be eight years of age. His name was given as Paul Yen, taking the last name from the Chinese woman

who entered him and paid his tuition for the first two years. Although bearing the name of Yen it was clear there was no Chinese blood in his veins. In 1881 he was seen by a wealthy gentleman, who took great interest in him, paid his way here and later on adopted him, giving him his name. This gentleman was Henry Stanhope, a merchant in this city.

I find, upon inquiry, the young man has left China, and thrown his fortunes in with the insurgents in the Philippines, where he is supposed to be. I am at your service at any time.

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THE CRUSHING BLOW.

With what feelings he read the letter can be better imagined than described. Paul Stanhope, the adopted son of Henry Stanhope, Hong Kong, the young Filipino leader whom the major had killed, was his own and only son, the one for whom he had been searching all these weary years.

Whether or not the thought drove him mad is a matter of conjecture. Certain it is that he disappeared that very night—walked through the lines and refused to stop when halted.

General Otis spread the mantle of charity over the major's disappearance in his report to the War Office.

This is the official announcement made by the War Department:

"A report from General Otis transmitting the reports of officers of the Ninth Infantry has been received by the War Department. It gives the details of the disappearance of Major Charles M. Rockefeller. The report consists of statements by Captain George Palmer, of the Ninth Infantry, and four pickets, who last saw the missing man. The pickets say they were first made aware of Major Rockefeller's presence by hearing the cry of 'picket' repeated several times. Corporal Ross hailed the caller, and on discovering his identity, offered to escort him to the next outpost, which offer was declined. Major Rockefeller started off, and soon after the pickets again heard the cry of 'picket.'"

"Corporal Ross told the officer that he was going in the wrong direction, and to turn more to the right. This was the last seen of Major Rockefeller, as he failed to report to his command."

"The next day searching parties found pieces of paper bearing his name one and a half miles from where he was last seen and heard. Since then an officer answering the description of Major Rockefeller has been seen as a prisoner of the Filipinos south of Manila."

"General Otis says, in commenting on the case, that on the day previous to the disappearance of Major Rockefeller the Ninth Infantry made a forced march, and that probably he was so affected by the heat that he wandered into the Filipino line. Another theory advanced is that he may have been picked up by a reconnoitering party."

From that time until the present nothing has been seen or heard of Major Rockefeller. Following the usual custom he was dropped as a deserter. Now, the story is out that he is in China, a broken-down old man. He has, it is said, thrown aside the soldier's garb forever. He sees no hope in the future. That fatal meeting at San Boel, where he shot and killed his son, is ever before him. It is doubtful if he ever revisits American soil.

Facts About La Grippe.

Significant facts concerning la grippe have recently been made public. Mortality records covering fifty-six years' experience of one of the largest American life insurance companies, prepared for the insurance exhibit at the Paris Exposition, contain the results of an investigation of 46,525 deaths, varying with different periods, and showing the havoc wrought by different epidemics that have caused general alarm. While smallpox and cholera have had little effect, la grippe, or influenza, has reached the first rank among the individual causes of disease. Thirty years ago only one death was ascribed to influenza. Then the disease disappeared from the mortality tables altogether until 1890, when twenty-two deaths were reported. In 1892, when la grippe was epidemic, 133 policy holders died from its effects. Since then the disease has attacked with fatal results from twenty to forty-one policy holders a year, 364 deaths occurring during the last ten years. Influenza is described as "a disease of all ages," the largest number of deaths, however, being reported among policy holders between sixty and eighty years old. These figures show only approximately the true importance of the disease as a source of mortality. While on the one hand the term has often been erroneously employed, very many deaths due to influenza have been recorded as from pneumonia, because of the evident local lesion. On the whole, the figures understate rather than overstate the true mortality.—San Francisco Argonaut.

She Had a Smaller One.

It was on a west side cable. The stout Teuton woman with a little boy handed a conductor a \$2 bill.

"Smallest you have?" inquired the conductor, as he shifted the silver nickels in his pocket.

She thought he meant the little boy. "Nein!" she responded. "I had one home only three months old already." Then the laugh was on the conductor.—Tacoma News.

Casualties to Cavalry.

In a cavalry charge the list of casualties among horses is naturally greater than among men. At Talavera 290 horses were killed and 240 men, while at the famous charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava the losses among horses were 360 and among men 280.

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